## UAE President and Pakistani Prime Minister discuss bilateral relations

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President His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan welcomed His Excellency Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, who is on a working visit to the UAE.

During the meeting at Qasr Al Bahr in Abu Dhabi, His Highness and the Prime Minister of Pakistan discussed cooperation between the UAE and Pakistan, with an emphasis on expanding opportunities to serve the interests of both nations. Particular focus was given to economic, investment, and developmental areas, alongside agriculture, food security, and energy, among other areas of cooperation that drive sustainable development and contribute to the prosperity of both countries. This engagement underscores the deep historical ties and mutual friendship that bind the UAE and Pakistan.

The two leaders also reviewed regional and international issues of mutual interest, including developments in the Middle East and the crisis in the Gaza Strip. The meeting underscored the critical need for sustainable channels to deliver humanitarian aid to the Gazan people and the urgency of establishing an enduring ceasefire. They emphasized the need for international action to establish a clear path towards achieving a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace in the region, thereby ensuring the preservation of regional and global peace and stability.

The meeting also touched upon the significance of the upcoming UN Climate Change Conference (COP28) in the UAE, highlighting its role in finding sustainable solutions and practical pathways to accelerate climate action.

His Excellency Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar expressed his appreciation for the long-standing friendship between Pakistan and the UAE. He thanked His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan for the UAE's sustained developmental support and impactful initiatives in Pakistan, especially in the fields of health, education, and development. His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and His Excellency Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar witnessed the exchange of memoranda of understanding in various fields, including banking and financial services, energy, food and agriculture, logistics, mining, port operations, and water treatment.

The memoranda were exchanged on behalf of the UAE by His Excellency Mohamed Hassan Alsuwaidi, Minister of Investment, and on the Pakistani side by Her Excellency Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Minister for Finance, Revenue, and Economic Affairs.

The meeting and the exchange ceremony were attended by His Highness Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the Presidential Court; H.H. Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Chairman of Abu Dhabi Executive Council; H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler's Representative in Al Dhafra Region; H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan; Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad bin Tahnoun Al Nahyan, Advisor for Special Affairs at the Ministry of Presidential Court; Ali Mohammed Hammad Al Shamsi, the Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for National Security; Suhail bin Mohammed Al Mazrouei, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure; Mohamed Hassan Alsuwaidi, Minister of Investment; Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Salem AlZaab, Ambassador of UAE to Islamabad; as well as the accompanying delegation of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, comprising several ministers and senior officials.

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